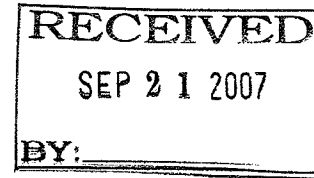




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Subject: Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Program EIR/EIS
SCH Number 2005112051

Dear Messrs. Leavitt and Valenstein:

I am writing to request additional time to review the above-referenced
DEIR/DEIS.

The two-volume document plus additional supporting reference materials
describe a project that has great interest and potential significant impact to
California State Parks. The material is of such magnitude that additional time is
absolutely necessary in order to prepare comments.

The previous statewide document accommodated a 90 day comment period,
even though much of the project was described in superficial and broad terms,
deferring detailed descriptions to a later date. Because of the size and
complexity of the California High Speed Rail Project, number of state park
system units potentially affected, the controversial nature of certain elements of
the plan and the newly re-considered Bay Area to Central Valley routes, I request
that you extend the public review and comment period to November 16, 2007.
This would give my staff an opportunity to more fully evaluate the relative merits
and impacts of the proposed alternative routes. Granting this extension will allow
for the critically-needed analysis of the project and give you an opportunity to
benefit from the analysis and comments we will provide.

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Sincerely,

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